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1. NAUMBURG (J89),

a. [redacted] previously [redacted] estimated NAUMBURG strength at 8,000 men; 50X1-HUM
[redacted] the figure is 7,000. It is
difficult to allocate units to particular barracks because vehicles [redacted]
[redacted] appear to use all barracks. A basic outline of units,
[redacted] is: in Flandern Kaserne, one howitzer unit (probably 50X1-HUM
regiment) with 122 mm howitzers, one 120 mm mortar unit, one 37 mm AA
unit, one 85 mm AA unit, one rifle battalion (possibly motorized)
connected with the mortar group, one engineer battalion; in the Artillerie
and Hindenburg Kasernes, one 37 mm AA unit, one 85 mm AA unit with about
1,300 men, one motorized rifle unit of about 1,000, and one unit of about
500 communications and engineer troops. Particular observations at the
above barracks follow:

b. Barbara Kaserne: Total strength, about 400 men - of whom some 350
were seen at reveille in the yard - all wearing black shoulder straps, 50X1-HUM
some with signals insignia. Some training was accomplished with field
telephones. Parked vehicles [redacted]; in traffic were trucks
[redacted] and jeep [redacted]

c. Zeugamt: Recruits formerly quartered here appear to have finished
training and been distributed among various units, leaving not more than
100 men at the Zeugamt. [redacted] part of the 50X1-HUM
installation is being used as an ammunition dump. 50X1-HUM

d. Artillerie Kaserne: About 1,000 men wearing black straps/red piping
and 500 with black straps. Some training was performed with rifles and
five 37 mm AA guns.

e. Hindenburg Kaserne: About 1,000 men with red straps, 300 with black
straps/red piping. This and the Artillerie Kaserne are connected 50X1-HUM
tactically. [redacted]

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[redacted]
f. Flandern Kaserne: Total strength, 3,600-3,800 rifle, artillery, and engineer troops. The engineers total about 450 men occupying two barracks; this unit is equipped with pontoons. Rifle troops trained outside the barracks. In the yard six 37 mm AA guns were aimed at simulated tanks and suspended aircraft models, each gun having a crew of four EM and an officer. Other men trained with five 120 mm mortars; two 122 mm howitzers were utilized for direction-finding; and four 85 mm AA guns were being cleaned. Vehicles [redacted] were used by soldiers wearing Guards insignia. Trucks [redacted] belong to the 122 mm howitzer unit. Traffic [redacted]

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2. ALTENBURG (K27), [redacted]

The airfield, which lacks a concrete runway, held 24 Dakotas on day of observation. Officers observed were all lieutenants and senior lieutenants. The 350 EM and 72 officers seen here on Soviet Army Day obviously were SAF personnel. There is no indication of occupation by paratroops. Trucks [redacted] 21 and 31 were parked inside the field.

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3. BRANDIS (E76), [redacted]

[redacted] half of the forty aircraft at this field are jet fighters. Four jets with high rudder assembly, painted aluminum color, and resembling the types seen at GERMENDORF, were parked in front of one hangar. The other four hangars were closed. Two radio trucks, one with raised mast, were standing in the middle of the field. Strength is approximately 600, about one-third being officers.

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4. CHRDUF (J15), [redacted]

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a. During recent weeks small rail shipments have arrived at CHRDUF, via GOETHA, each shipment consisting of 30-50 young officers and 8-10 tanks, each remaining at the training area for only 3-4 days. The out shipments subsequently have been reported from all garrisons of Eighth Guards Army. The officers, new in Germany, are presently attached to divisional reserves for special training.

b. Currently, the CHRDUF training area is held by about 500 men occupying two barracks. New telephone lines were installed recently. It is rumored that the area will be occupied earlier than usual this year.

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5. WERSEBURG (D91), [redacted]

a. The former airdrome west of the city is held by about 500 ground troops wearing black straps/red piping and occupying three barracks. Officers have artillery insignia. The only activities were training with machine pistols and rifles. A sign on the barracks reads: X - BO KAPACEBA. *

b. Across the road from the above barracks is an ammunition dump where ammunition of assorted calibers is stored. It is guarded by Volkspolizei, sentries being posted 150 meters apart. Each guard shed has a telephone connection to the barracks. There are four observation posts with searchlights at the corners of this dump.

6. HAILE (D92), [redacted]

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a. Troops in HAILE [redacted] are believed [redacted] to be units of Eighth Guards Army.

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[] estimate is: in the Infanterie Kaserne, IVD troops; in Panzerjäger Kaserne, one signal battalion; in Luftwaffe Kaserne, one tank regiment, one tank destroyer battalion, and motorized rifle troops (about 2,000) probably amounting to two regiments; in the Panzer- und Flak Kaserne, one tank regiment, one 76.2 mm AT battalion, one 122 mm (38) howitzer battalion, and one 80 mm mortar battalion. []

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b. Infanterie Kaserne, on Reilstrasse: Surrounded by high walls, this installation is hard to observe. It is held by about 400 men wearing green straps/red piping and wearing green caps. Two vehicles []

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c. Panzerjäger Kaserne, on Paracelsusstrasse: About 500 engineers, who did some drilling and target practice. Except for the entry of car [] there was no vehicle traffic.

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d. Luftwaffe Kaserne, northwest of town: [] makes a daily run to DOELAU (D83), strength is about 3,300 men variously wearing tank and artillery insignia. [] these men to be motorized riflemen on the basis of their target exercises and field training with rifles and five 57 mm AT guns (41). There also was considerable tank driving instruction; sixteen T-34's were in the actual training area and thirty-five were seen in the barracks yard. []

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e. Panzer und Flak Kaserne, in southwestern HALLE between WERLITZ and BEESSEN (both D92), is fully occupied by about 2,800 men wearing black straps/red piping. Tank and artillery insignia were seen on officers and NCO's but only a few EM had branch insignia. [] the troops have been here, with few changes, for two years.) Garages can accommodate 50-60 tanks, suggesting the presence of a tank regiment, but only two JS-2 and 15 T-34 were actually observed at the training area south of the barracks and in the yard. Eight 122 mm howitzers (38) were standing in an open garage and at the training field there were eight 76.2 mm AT guns (42) and five 80 mm mortars. []

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7. JENA (J66), []

a. Except for a small percentage, all JENA troops wear black straps/red piping, most with Guards insignia. Only a few recruits were seen, being trained in normal units. Armored troops wear weapons insignia in either gold or silver, presumably gold denoting tank troops, silver for SU units. []

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[] in Artillerie Kaserne, one tank unit with about thirty-five T-34 tanks, one SU unit with about thirty-five SU-85, one unit of 122 mm howitzers, and one M-13 rocket launcher unit; at Jena-West, one engineer unit; at the airfield, transportation troops; in the Kradschützen Kaserne, one heavy tank unit with more than thirty JS-3's, two SU units with about sixty SU's of various types, and one reconnaissance unit with reconnaissance and armored scout cars. []

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b. Artillerie Kaserne, in ICESTEDT (J76): Fully occupied by about 2,000 men. In the yard were eleven T-34/85's and five SU-85. [] closed sheds contained tanks and SU's (but offers no evidence to that effect). Four M-13 rocket launching vehicles were being cleaned behind the workshop. Troops practised with water-cooled heavy MG's and with five 122 mm howitzers (38). Parked vehicles: []

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c. Jena-West, station formerly held by the General Kommando, now contains 300 engineers. No activity except for the departure of truck [redacted].

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d. Airfield, between ZWARTZEN and ROEDIGEL, is held by about fifty transportation troops. Departing trucks [redacted] were later seen at Artillerie Kaserne.

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e. Kradschützen Kaserne, in ZWARTZEN (J77): Occupied by about 1,200 men. Parked in front of sheds were seven SU-85 [redacted]

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[redacted] and four JS-3 tanks [redacted]. Of the eight vehicle sheds, three could be observed and these all contained tanks. Tread marks suggested that the remaining five sheds also were occupied. Three armored scout cars and one reconnaissance car were parked at the yard exit. Training was underway on these cars, tanks and SU's. Parked vehicles: car [redacted] truck [redacted] [redacted], trucks [redacted]

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8. WEIMAR (J57), 13-21 March 1950

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a. Of eleven existing buildings, nine are occupied by about 2,500 men; those in seven of the billets wear black straps/red piping and artillery insignia; the remainder having black straps. The remaining two buildings are used as a hospital indicated by the sign "Hospital LUDRIKA". Omitting the hospital, [redacted] In Lützendorf Kaserne, a command staff, with some AA troops; in the Nachrichten Kaserne, more AA troops which, with the aforesaid, may amount to two regiments armed with 37 and 85 mm AA guns; there is also a German border police headquarters in the Nachrichten Kaserne; in the Flak Kaserne, 2,000 riflemen; in Infanterie Kaserne, 600 riflemen, 200 engineers.

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b. Lützendorf Kaserne: On 17 March 1950, 200 troops arrived from ERFURT, all wearing either black straps/red piping or artillery insignia. Some training was undertaken with three AA/IG's and five 37 mm AA guns. There was much traffic between this barracks and the Haus Elefant Hotel. Parked at the hospital [redacted] Parked at the barracks entrance [redacted] trucks [redacted] Parked in the yard: cars [redacted] trucks [redacted] Traffic: cars [redacted] trucks [redacted]

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c. Nachrichten Kaserne: Four buildings are occupied by German border police, two are tenanted by 600 men wearing black straps/red piping and artillery insignia. Weapons training took place with two 85 mm and seven 37 mm AA guns. There was much pedestrian traffic between this and the Lützendorf Kaserne. Parked vehicles were jeep [redacted] and truck [redacted]

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Traffic: jeep [redacted] car [redacted] trucks [redacted]

d. Flak Kaserne: About 2,000 troops, of whom 200 came in from ERFURT about two weeks before observation dates. Most are motorized riflemen, although one building houses an unknown number, wearing green straps/red piping, who are said to be former BUCHENWALD concentration camp guards. Their vehicles [redacted] Parked: trucks [redacted]

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e. Infanterie Kaserne: Two-thirds occupied by approximately 800 men of whom 600 are riflemen, 200 engineers. Some infantry training took place. Parked vehicles: cars [redacted] trucks [redacted]

f. On 17 March 1950 trucks loaded with crates and furniture were seen in WEIAR: [redacted]

[redacted] this involved the departure of Soviet dependents but [redacted] the movement may indicate a transfer of units to CHRODUF and KINDEL for training. 50X1-HUM

9. ERFURT (J36), [redacted]

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A subsequent trip to ERFURT confirmed the shipments of approximately 600 men from that city to WEIAR (as noted in Paragraphs 8b and 8d above). The Henne Kaserne, which can accommodate 1,200, is now occupied by only 100 men with black straps/red piping. Trucks [redacted] were observed 50X1-HUM entering and leaving the barracks.

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